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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PANELLI ET AL.

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Naeem Haq

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-16, 19-24 and 30-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-16, 19-24 and 30-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants' submission filed on October 22, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-4, 6, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langseth et al. (US 6,694,316 B1) ("Langseth") in view of Jack Windsor Lewis "*Studies in General and English Phonetics*" ("Lewis") and further in view of Arganbright et al. (US 6,980,962 B1) ("Arganbright").

Referring to claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 30, 31, and 34: Langseth teaches an electronic information system, comprising at least one programmed computer that is accessible electronically via an electronic communication system (col. 4, lines 11-21; col. 15, lines 14-20), wherein the electronic information system is operable to enable a

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customer to access the electronic information system via the electronic communication system to electronically create a standing order of a customer specified duration for periodic delivery to a specified customer location of a product, good, or service (col. 13, lines 10-47; col. 26, lines 24-51). Langseth does not teach that the standing order begins on a customer specified date. However, Lewis teaches a standing order that begins on a customer specified date (page 86). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Lewis into the invention of Langseth. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to allow the customer to have more control over the scheduling of the delivery and/or payment of the services. The cited prior art does not teach a customer specified frequency of delivery. However, Arganbright teaches that a standing order that allows a customer to specify the frequency of delivery (col. 48, line 63 – col. 49, line 1). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Arganbright into the cited prior art. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to allow a customer to specify the frequency of delivery.

Referring to claims 3, 4, 32, and 33: The cited prior art teaches or suggests all the limitations of claim 1 as noted above. Furthermore, Langseth teaches that the electronic information system is operable to enable the customer to access the electronic information system via the electronic communication system and identify electronically the product, good, or service to be delivered periodically under the standing order (col. 26, lines 24-35).

Claims 5, 7, 23, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langseth et al. (US 6,694,316 B1) ("Langseth") in view of Jack Windsor Lewis "*Studies in General and English Phonetics*" ("Lewis") and further in view of Arganbright et al. (US 6,980,962 B1) ("Arganbright") and Meissner et al. (US 6,070,001) ("Meissner").

Referring to claims 5, 7, 23, and 35: The cited prior art teaches or suggests all the limitations of claim 1 as noted above. The cited prior art does not teach enabling the customer to revise the product, good, or service to be delivered periodically under the standing order. However, Meissner teaches a system that lets a customer add or delete (i.e. revise) services (e.g. channels) to a subscription (col. 8, lines 19-25). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Meissner into the prior art. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to allow a customer to add or delete services from their subscription, as taught by Meissner.

Claims 8, 9, 20, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langseth et al. (US 6,694,316 B1) ("Langseth") in view of Jack Windsor Lewis "*Studies in General and English Phonetics*" ("Lewis") and further in view of Arganbright et al. (US 6,980,962 B1) ("Arganbright") and Schiller et al. (US 6,442,573 B1) ("Schiller").

Referring to claims 8, 9, 20, and 36: The cited prior art teaches or suggests all the limitations of claim 1 as noted above. The cited prior art does not teach enabling a customer to establish or revise the frequency of delivery of a product, good, or service

to be delivery periodically under the standing order. However, Schiller teaches a system that allows a user to change weekly subscription to monthly subscription (col. 22, lines 57-65). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate this feature into the prior art. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to allow a user to change the subscription delivery, as taught by Schiller.

Claims 14 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langseth et al. (US 6,694,316 B1) ("Langseth") in view of Jack Windsor Lewis "*Studies in General and English Phonetics*" ("Lewis") and further in view of Arganbright et al. (US 6,980,962 B1) ("Arganbright") and Wiecha (US 5,870,717).

Referring to claims 14 and 22: The cited prior art teaches or suggests all the limitations of claim 1 as noted above. The cited prior art does not teach enabling a customer to review a standing order for periodic delivery. However, Wiecha teaches a system for ordering items over a network that allows a user to review a purchase order (col. 3, lines 45-47). The Applicant's specification discloses that a standing order is a type of purchase order. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Wiecha into the prior art. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to allow a user to make changes as necessary to the purchase order.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langseth et al. (US 6,694,316 B1) ("Langseth") in view of Jack Windsor Lewis

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“*Studies in General and English Phonetics*” (“Lewis”) and further in view of Arganbright et al. (US 6,980,962 B1) (“Arganbright”) and Official Notice.

Referring to claim 12: The cited prior art teaches or suggests all the limitations of claim 11 as noted above. The cited prior art does not disclose that the electronic information system requires the customer to provide an authorization identifier before enabling the customer to create the standing order. However, Official Notice is taken that it is old and well known in the art to use a username and password as a form of authorization identifier. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate a username and password (i.e. authorization identifier) in the invention of the prior art. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to verify the identity of the user prior to allowing the user to transfer his or her funds.

Claims 16, 24, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langseth et al. (US 6,694,316 B1) (“Langseth”) in view of Jack Windsor Lewis “*Studies in General and English Phonetics*” (“Lewis”) and further in view of Arganbright et al. (US 6,980,962 B1) (“Arganbright”) and Wallman (US 6,338,047 B1).

Referring to claims 16, 24, and 37: The cited prior art teaches or suggests all the limitations of claim 11 as noted above. The cited prior art does not disclose that the electronic information system incorporates business rules provided by a supplier for the creation of a standing order, wherein the electronic information system prevents the customer from creating a standing order in violation of the business rules. However,

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Wallman teaches a system for creating a standing order that incorporates business rules provided by a supplier for the creation of a standing order, wherein the electronic information system prevents the customer from creating a standing order in violation of the business rules. (col. 6, lines 32-46; Figure 3, items "350"). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Wallman into the invention of the prior art. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to ensure that the standing order was created in accordance with the supplier's business rules, as taught by Wallman.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Littlewood, Fran "Avoid those queues with online banking", The Times, Apr 17, 1999, pg. 53. Littlewood teaches that a customer can cancel a standing order (see Abstract paragraph 1; Full Text, paragraph 2).
- Hellman, Ziv "New Rules to Protect Bill Payers", Jerusalem Post, Jun 21, 1991, pg. 17. Hellman teaches that a customer can cancel a standing order (see Abstract, paragraph 2; Full text, second bulletin).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naeem Haq whose telephone number is (571)-272-6758. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Smith can be reached on (571)-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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